

APPLICATION FOR
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SPECIFICATION

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, **Connie J. Boesen**, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the United States of America, having a postal address of 801 Bertch Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa, have invented new and useful “**REVERSIBLE STADIUM COAT**”, of which the following forms the specification.

“REVERSIBLE STADIUM COAT”

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

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STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

Not applicable.

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REFERENCE TO MICROFICHE APPENDIX

Not applicable.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to a folding coat. More particularly the present invention relates such a coat which is reversible and convertible to a cushion with a handle useable on the cushion regardless of which side of the coat is exposed.

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Background Art

A challenge in attending football games, fishing trips, picnics, fireworks displays or other events is that the weather may be unpredictable and the temperature changeable, making it is difficult to dress properly for such outdoor events. The weather at the beginning of such event can be warm enough that light clothing is appropriate, and can turn to weather where warmer, heavy or water repellant clothing is appropriate, or vice versa. Consequently, it is common for people to dress inappropriately for such events; or, as a precaution, to take extra clothing just in case the weather turns colder or inclement.

Consequently, it can be readily appreciated that a large quantity of support equipment is often taken to outdoor events at stadiums. Besides the inconvenience of carrying such equipment to and from the stadium, there is a problem of where to store such additional clothes or equipment if it is not being used, since there is little space provided for each person in a crowded stadium.

Stadium seats are also noted for being hard and uncomfortable, so stadium cushions are often taken, especially since such events can last for several hours.

Boesen disclosed such a stadium coat in U.S. Patent 4,563,776, being herein incorporated by reference. The stadium coat of Boesen '776 does not disclose a reversible stadium coat. A handle for carrying the garment when folded into a stadium cushion is permanently attached to the back of the coat. Hook and loop fasteners are used to attach the front of the handle to the front of the coat when it is worn as a coat. The same fastener on the handle can fasten to the bottom of the coat when the coat is converted into a stadium cushion.

There is therefore a need for a reversible coat or jacket, convertible to a stadium cushion with a handle for carrying the cushion.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a garment such as a coat or jacket that is reversible. Being reversible, the garment has a first surface and a second surface, either of which may be on the outside of the garment when worn.

5 The garment of the present invention has a front, back, sides, top and an open bottom. The top has closed shoulders thereon and an opening therebetween for receiving a person's head.

10 The handle of the present invention is used to carry the garment when the garment is folded into the stadium cushion form. A pair of straps for the handle extend over each shoulder. Fasteners are attached to one side of both ends of each of these straps. Pairs of first and second fastener receiving structures are attached to an upper portion of the back of the garment on each of the first and second surfaces of the garment for receiving fasteners from a first end of each of the pair of straps. Pairs of third and fourth fastener receiving structures are attached to a lower portion of the back of the garment on each of the first and second surfaces of the garment for receiving fasteners from the second end of each of the pair of straps. When the fasteners have thus been mated, they hold the coat in a folded position. Pairs of fifth and sixth fastener receiving structures optionally may be attached to a top portion of the front of the coat on each of the first and second surfaces, one just below each shoulder, for receiving fasteners from the second end of each of the pair of straps when the coat is being worn, whereby the handle may be stored unobtrusively while the coat is being worn.

20 A handle is attached at each end thereof to an intermediate portion of each of the straps for permitting the folded coat to be easily carried from place to place.

25 An object of the present invention is to provide a reversible coat which is convertible into a sitting cushion. The coat and the cushion can both be used with either the first or the second surface of the coat exposed to the outside.

 Another object of the invention is to provide a reversible coat which is convertible into a package easy to carry from place to place and having a handle thereon.

A further object is to provide a carrying handle for a reversible, folding coat which can be used regardless of which surface of the coat is exposed to the outside when in its cushion form.

Still another object is to provide a carrying handle for a reversible, folding coat also
5 having a handy storage pocket for securely storing small items.

Other objects, advantages and novel features of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description of the invention when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

10 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a reversible, convertible garment in a cushion configuration;

Fig. 2 is a first perspective view of a handle for the reversible, convertible garment when in the cushion configuration;

15 **Fig. 3** is a second perspective view of the handle laid flat and showing a compartment therein;

Fig. 4 is a third perspective view of the handle laid flat;

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the reversible, convertible garment in a cushion configuration showing side A exposed;

20 **Fig. 6** is a side elevation view of the reversible, convertible garment in a cushion configuration showing side A exposed;

Fig. 7 is a cross sectional view of the reversible, convertible garment in a cushion configuration showing side A exposed;

Fig. 8 is a front elevation view of the reversible, convertible garment in a
25 jacket/coat configuration showing side A exposed;

Fig. 9 is a rear elevation view of the reversible, convertible garment in a jacket/coat configuration showing side A exposed;

Fig. 9a is a rear elevation view of the reversible, convertible garment in a jacket/coat configuration showing side A exposed with the handle stowed at the
30 shoulders;

Fig. 10 is a detail view of a pocket with side A exposed of the reversible, convertible garment having the handle stored inside;

Fig. 11 is a detail view showing side A exposed of a fastener used to hold the reversible, convertible garment in a folded configuration;

5 **Fig. 12** is a plan view of the reversible, convertible garment in a cushion configuration showing side B exposed;

Fig. 13 is a side elevation view of the reversible, convertible garment in a cushion configuration showing side B exposed;

10 **Fig. 14** is a cross sectional view of the reversible, convertible garment in a cushion configuration showing side B exposed;

Fig. 15 is a front elevation view of the reversible, convertible garment in a jacket/coat configuration showing side B exposed;

Fig. 16 is a rear elevation view of the reversible, convertible garment in a jacket/coat configuration showing side B exposed;

15 **Fig. 16a** is a rear elevation view of the reversible, convertible garment in a jacket/coat configuration showing side B exposed with the handle stowed at the shoulders;

Fig. 17 is a detail view of a pocket with side B exposed of the reversible, convertible garment having the handle stored inside; and

20 **Fig. 18** is a detail view showing side B exposed of a fastener used to hold the reversible, convertible garment in a folded configuration.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

25 The reversible garment of the present invention is shown in its cushion configuration in **Fig. 1** and comprises a coat or jacket **100** and a handle **110**. A logo may, optionally, be placed on each side of the back of the coat or jacket **100**. The logos need not be the same. One back surface may be left without a logo, while the other back surface is given a logo.

30 The handle **110** is shown in detail in **Figs. 2–4** and comprises a handle grip **120** and straps **130**. The straps **130** are fitted with fasteners, in the preferred embodiment, the

hook portion **150** of hook and loop fasteners. The handle grip **120**, furthermore, comprises a closable, foldable compartment **300** for securing cash, keys, etc. while the garment is in use. The handle grip **120** is held in its closed, folded configuration by hook and loop fasteners **200**.

5 The garment of the present invention is shown in its cushion configuration in **Figs. 5–7** with side A **500** exposed to the outside of the jacket **100**. The jacket or coat **100** is folded into a substantially rectangular parallelepiped shape as shown and the handle **110** affixed using the hook **150** and loop **140** fasteners.

10 The coat or jacket **100** is shown in a semi-folded configuration in **Figs. 8–9** with side A **500** exposed. At least one pocket **800** is included and a particular application thereof is the optional storage of the handle **110** when not in use as shown in **Fig. 10** (in **Fig. 10**, the pocket is shown with side A **500** exposed). Another feature of the jacket or coat **100** are fasteners **1100** as seen in **Fig. 11** (jacket folded with side A **500** exposed). The fastener holds a fold in the jacket or coat **100** while the jacket or coat **100** is in the
15 cushion configuration. Acceptable fasteners comprise snaps and hook and loop fasteners.

20 The rear view of the jacket or coat (**Fig. 9**) shows the loop portions **140** of the hook and loop fasteners used to attach the handle **110** when the jacket or coat is folded into its cushion configuration. The jacket is folded along a horizontal line halfway between the upper and lower sets of loop fasteners **140**, and the straps **130** wrapped around the shoulders and lower edge of the garment **100** to attach the hook fasteners **150** on the handle straps **130** to the loop fasteners **140** on the jacket **100**.

25 A second option for stowing the handle **110** when the garment **100** is worn as a coat or jacket is depicted in **Fig. 9a** where it is understood that side A **500** is exposed to the outside. The straps **130** for the handle are attached as usual to the rear fasteners. The other end of the handle straps **130** are attached to front loop fasteners **810** located in the region of the collarbone on the front of the jacket **100**.

Because the garment of the present invention is reversible, it is shown in its cushion configuration in **Figs. 12–14** with side B **1200** exposed to the outside of the

jacket **100**. The jacket or coat **100** is folded into a rectangular parallelepiped shape as shown and the handle **110** affixed using the hook **150** and loop **140** fasteners.

The coat or jacket **100** is shown in a semi-folded configuration in **Figs. 15–16** with side B **1200** exposed. At least one pocket **800** is included and a particular application thereof is the optional storage of the handle **110** when not in use as shown in **Fig. 17** (in **Fig. 17** pocket shown with side B **1200** exposed). Another feature of the jacket or coat **100** are fasteners **1100** as seen in **Fig. 18** (jacket folded with side B **1200** exposed). The fastener holds a fold in the jacket or coat **100** while the jacket or coat **100** is in the cushion configuration. Acceptable fasteners comprise snaps and hook and loop fasteners.

The rear view of the jacket or coat (**Fig. 16**) shows the loop portion **140** of the hook and loop fasteners used to attach the handle **110** when the jacket or coat is folded into its cushion configuration. The jacket is folded along a horizontal line halfway between the upper and lower sets of loop fasteners **140**, and the straps **130** wrapped around the shoulders and lower edge of the garment **100** to attach the hook fasteners **150** on the handle straps **130** to the loop fasteners **140** on the jacket **100**.

The second option for stowing the handle **110** when the garment **100** is worn as a coat or jacket is depicted in **Fig. 16a** where side B **1200** of the coat or jacket **100** is exposed to the outside. The straps **130** for the handle are attached as usual to the rear fasteners. The other end of the handle straps **130** are attached to front loop fasteners **810** located in the region of the collarbone on the front of the jacket **100**.

The above embodiments are the preferred embodiments, but this invention is not limited thereto. It is, therefore, apparent that many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims, the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described.